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acid associated with enzymatic or chemical cleavage of a polypeptide and one or more additional amino acids.

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14. (amended) The peptide of claim 13 wherein the recombinant nucleic acid sequence is expressed so that it produces a concatemer of the peptide which is cleaved chemically or enzymatically to release the peptide.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (new) A method of producing the peptide of claim 1 comprising the steps of:
recombinantly expressing a nucleic acid sequence that encodes the peptide as a concatemer comprising multiple repeating subunits of a amino acid sequence of the peptide and cleavage sites that act as spacers between said amino acid sequences; and
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cleaving the concatemer at the cleavage sites to produce a monomer of the peptide.

32. (new) The method of claim 31, where said cleavage is performed either chemically or enzymatically.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 12-18, and 31-32 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 12 and 14 have been amended. Claims 31 and 32 have been added. The amendments made herein to the claims do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. In this respect, support for